# Acreage allotments set

By TOM CONRAD

1980 Tobacco Program Provisions - The 1980 acreage allotments for the following types of tobacco are essentially the same as the 1979 allotments.

See allotments at end of story.

Allotments will be reduced for some tobacco-producing farms on which the tobacco acreage history in recent years has been less than 75 percent of the farm's allotment. Reductions are provided for in current legislation and bring farm allotments more in line with actual plantings.

The national marketing quota for 1980-crop burley tobacco will be 615 million pounds, the same as for 1979. When adjustments for over and undermarketings are taken into consideration, effective farm quotas for 1980 are expected to total 760 million pounds, about 17 percent more than last year.

A mail referendum of growers will be held Feb. 25-29 to decide whether marketing quotas will be in effect on the next three crops of burley tobacco. Quotas were last proclaimed on the 1977-79 crops and were approved by a 99 percent majority.

Marketing quotas have been proclaimed for the 1980, 1981 and 1982 crops of Maryland tobacco and a referendum will be held Feb. 25-29.

The national acreage allotment for the 1980 crop of Maryland tobacco is 31,814 acres. This compares with 22,000 acres of Maryland tobacco grown during 1979.

In the referendum, growers will decide whether marketing quotas will be in effect on the next three crops of Maryland tobacco. Quotas were last proclaimed on the 1977-79 crops of Maryland tobacco, but were disapproved by growers in February 1977.

If growers vote in favor of the proclamation, quotas will be in effect for the next three crops of these kinds of tobaccos and price support will be available. If growers disapprove quotas, there will be unlimited production and no price support. Quotas were last in effect for Maryland tobacco in 1965.

Notices showing the 1980 allotments for individual farms will be mailed soon to farm operators. Mail referendum ballots will be mailed to all known producers of Maryland and Burley tobaccos. Any producer who does not receive a ballot may obtain one from the ASCS office.

## ASCS Today

**Flue-Cured Tobacco Coop Meeting** - Flue cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, the grower organization which administers the price support program for flue-cured tobacco, will hold its 22nd Annual District Meeting for Virginia growers in South Hill, Virginia. Roy B. Davis of South Boston, Director from Virginia, and Fred G. Bond, General Manager, jointly announced that the meeting will be held in the American Legion Building on Friday, Feb. 22, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

| KIND | 1980 (acres) | 1979 |
|---|---|---|
| Virginia fire-cured (type 21) | 9,729 | 9,819 |
| Virginia sun-cured (type 37) | 1,377 | 1,436 |

The CO-OP's operational report for the calendar year will be given; Stabilization's stocks totaled 847.5 million pounds as of Jan. 1, 1980. Davis noted that on Jan. 1, 1979, Stabilization held 599.5 million pounds of tobacco in inventory. He further added that Stabilization's sales for calendar year 1979 totaled 123.6 million pounds. This compares to sales of 50.5 million pounds in 1978.

In addition to Stabilization's report, reports will be given by representatives of Tobacco Associates, Inc.; Tobacco Growers Information Committee; USDA's Tobacco Divison, Agricultural Marketing Service; and other allied organizations and agencies. Ample time will be provided for discussion.

A brief business session will be held immediately following the regular meeting for the purpose of electing Stabilization's Advisory Committee members from each of the flue-cured tobacco producing countigs for the coming year.

# Youth Art Month continues

"YOUTH ART MONTH", proclaimed locally in February by Mayor Ronnie Spiggle and Dr. S. R. Lawson, chairman of the county Board of Supervisors, has been proclaimed statewide for the month of March by Gov. John Dalton. The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club, which is sponsoring Youth Art Month locally, has reaffirmed its committment to the idea and will continue to observe it through March. Here Angie Thompson and Rodney Thompson, children of Carolyn Thompson, president of the Junior Woman's Club, are shown with Phillip Godsey, son of Arts Dept. Chairman Theresa Godsey, and art work they did in school. The Junior Woman's Club challenges other civic organizations and school groups to propose art projects for young people, according to Thompson.

# Wood purchases listed

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchases by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending Feb. 10. Purchases are listed by counties.

| | | | |
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| Albermarle | 12,614.59 | Mecklenburg | 3,823.25 |
| Amelia | 4,805.82 | Nelson | 9,511.12 |
| Amherst | 6,053.33 | Nottoway | 353.24 |
| Appomattox | 14,585.36 | Pittsylvania | 3,774.52 |
| Augusta | 1,269.49 | Powhatan | 3,241.15 |
| Bedford County | 1,336.70 | Prince Edward | 6,364.57 |
| Bockingham | 18,626.91 | Rockbridge | 848.80 |
| Campbell | 1,940.09 | | 96,206.81 |
| Charlotte | 2,281.63 | We feel this information will be of interest to readers in Appomattox County and in the adjoining counties. | |
| Cumberland | 3,983.57 | | |
| | 420.07 | | |
| Goochland | 375.08 | | |

# Masons slate 'called communication'

A called communication will be held at Monroe Masonic Lodge on Feb. 26 at 7:30 for work in the F. C. Degree.

Master Masons are invited to attend.

Kermit Campbell is Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

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# Tobacco meeting set Mon.

By JAMES A. SMITH

An area Dark-Fire Cured Tobacco Meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 25, at the Appomattox County High School Cafeteria. The meeting begins at 4:30. Several growers have asked if wives were invited-as much as we would like to have the wives along--this is a production meeting and the material presented is designed for producers. In some cases this may mean wives rather than husbands. We don't want to create problems for anyone, but it's easy to allow meetings where there is a sponsored meal to get out of hand.

We only have 18 that indicate they plan to attend--give me a call (352-8244) no later than Friday (Feb. 23) if you would like to attend.

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There are reports of cows with grass tetany. The risk is inceased in late pregnancy and the first 60 days following calving. Cows that calved last fall are particularly susceptible.

Grass tetany is associated with a deficiency of magnesium.

## The South 40

One of the most effective and economical mixtures consists of equal parts of magnesium oxide, trace mineral salt, dicalcium phosphate and a palatable feed such as dry molasses, oil meal (soybean, cottonseed or peanut) or ground corn. The cow needs to eat two ounces daily. Most important--remove all other sources of salt and minerals.

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Dates for Lynchburg Spring Feeder Sales are: April 3 and 17.

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Has the beef herd been teated for lice? You don't have to look if they haven't been treated in the past 45 days, they need treating. There are two pour-ons that can be used-Lysoff and Dursban 44, two spray materials are: Malathion and Co-Ral, two dusts are: Rabon and Co-Ral.

Use the material that works best in your situation--but do give the cattle some relief.

Again this year there will be a Samll Grain Yield Contest. Application forms are available from this office. A minimum of two acres is designated as the contest area. It will be measured by April 15 and grain measured at time of harvest. Entry is limited to Barley and Wheat.

Awards for the top producers are a trophy and all-expense trip to Virginia Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting.

Most growers are aware that yields are not where they should be-this contest can serve as an aid in learning about the factors that cause low production.

In 1979 the top yields were 100 bushels of Barley and 73 bushels of Wheat.

Let's have some entries from Appomattox County this year.

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BRUCE SANDERS, David Coffey, and Danny Harvey (from left) represented the Appomattox High School band recently at All-Regional Band in Petersburg.

ACHS Band

# Students make all-region

The Virginia Music Education Association held the District III All-Regional Band event at Petersburg High School on Feb. 1, 2, and 3.

This year's Symphonic Band was directed by Dr. William P. Foster from Florida A. and M. University and the Concert Band was directed by Terry Blalock, director of bands at Highland Springs High School.

Band students participating from Appomattox County High School were Bruce Sanders, Donny Harvey, and David Coffey.

Each band rehearsed Friday night, all day Saturday and presented a concert on Sunday afternoon. The concert included various musical styles and was given before a full house of band parents and friends.

All students participating is All-Regional Band successfully auditioned for a band position at Amelia High School on Dec. 8, 1979.

# Then and now

## Who's that in the chair?

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

WHO'S THAT SITTING IN THE EDITOR'S CHAIR?
Kind of hard to believe
but he's really there,
A brand new face
In the editor's chair
.....name's Bill.
An editor in Delaware
Before he came our way
We've kinda grown to like him,
And he's here to stay
.....Our Bill.

Always breaking something....that's the best way to describe him. So what, you say, all growing boys break things, windows, flower pots and anything else that gets in their way. But wait.....

William Vaughan Sherrod Jr., born on July 30, 1954 in Henrico County, Virginia, to William and Nancy Sherrod didn't break the usual things, no indeed! He broke arms and collar bones,....his! One broken arm was the result of a sleigh-ride; he fell off the roof and broke his collarbone. In his very own words, "I fell out of a lot of trees!"

Accident-prone would be an understatement in describing Bill but he lived through it all.

Except for the "breaks" that came his way frequently, Bill Sherrod, along with an older sister, Sandy and a younger brother, Jon, had a happy and normal childhood in Henrico County. He loved the out-of-doors; still does in fact. Hunting and fishing are high on his list of favorite things.

Bill played football during high school and one year in college.

By his own admission, Bill spent too much time 'fooling around' when he should have been studying.

On one occasion, Bill and some of his friends were riding around and to use his own choice of words, "Cutting Up". They decided it might be fun to drive the car down the middle of the railroad track. So, up and away they went.....down the middle of the track. Then it happened; over the side of the track went the wheels of the car and they were stuck!

Luckily no train was scheduled to run in that vicinity while they were stuck on the tracks. The car was small and the boys were exceptionally strong and they were able to lift the car free. Away they went, this time, down the road.

Following high school graduation, Bill entered Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. Somehow or other, he had more time for 'partying' than he did for studying so he and the dean's list were complete strangers during his freshman year. When his sophomore year rolled around he got down to business and began applying his God-give talents and his name began appearing on the dean's list with regularity.

Bill became interested in newspaper work at Randolph-Macon College. A good friend was editor of the college paper, "The Yellow Jacket" and Bill was asked to do some writing. He did so well, in fact, that a sports story of his won an award. During his senior year he served as editor of "The Yellow Jacket."

Following graduation from college Bill joined Atlantic Publications as News Editor of the Delaware Coast Press and remained there until he came to Appomattox on December 27, 1979.

Bill is well-qualified for the position of Editor-Manager he holds at the Times-Virginian: enthusiastic about his work, he is settling into the community as 'one of us' in record time.

Knowing that he had taken an apartment in the home of Mrs. H. Y. Spencer, I asked Bill a while back if he had cooked any meals in his new kitchen. He hesitated a bit before replying.

"Cooked?" he asked; "Well no, not exactly, but I have made a bologna sandwich. Didn't get around to making a second one though, I waited too long and the bologna spoiled!"

In all fairness to Bill I'll have to admit he can cook; he recently cooked for some of his college friends but I do wonder, Who cleaned up the mess!!

Yes sir, there's a brand new man in the editor's chair and like the editor before him, he's kind of special. We're glad you came Bill; I think we'll keep you!

# Primary school menus

**Mon., Feb. 25** - Hot dog, black eye peas, slaw, milk and brownie.

**Tues., Feb. 26** - Turkey roll, creamed potatoes, gravy, broccolli, jello/w topping, roll, butter and milk.

**Wed., Feb. 27** - Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, cookie and milk.

**Thurs., Feb. 28** - Hamburger, french fries, green peas, mixed fruit and milk.

**Fri., Feb. 29** - Fish, string beans, macaroni and cheese, corn bread, butter, milk, and orange sections.

MEMBERS OF THE APPOMATTOX CHORUS participating in All-Regional Chorus recently are (from left) Front row - Lisa Rogers, Lisa Mann, Pat Page, Allen Hamlett; Second row - Terri Nash, Leigh Duncan, Patricia Chandler, Rita Ferguson, Rhonda Nash, Angela Branch; Row three - Janice Campbell, Kim Drinkard, Jerry Trent, David Hancock, John Booker; Row four - Todd Scruggs, Bobby Booker, Tommie Robinson, Bobby Stanley, and Dean Hamilton.

# Local vocals honored

Members of the Appomattox County High School Vocal Department traveled recently to Lloyd C. Bird High School in Chester, Va. to participate in Regional Chorus.

Twenty-six Appomattox students were involved in the event. There were 2 choruses, Sr. High (grades 10-12) Chorus and Junior Workshop Chorus (grade 9).

Senior Chorus Members included Rhonda Nash, Rita Ferguson, Lori Wooten, Lisa Mann, Leigh Duncan, Dean Page, Buddy Allen, David Hancock, Jerry Trent, Todd Scruggs, and Chris Dunnam.

Junior Chorus members were Lisa Rogers, Jill Noble, Patricia Chandler, Terri Nash, Kim Drinkard, Janice Campbell, Dean Hamilton, Tommie Robinson, Allen Hamlett, Pat Page, John Booker, Bobby Booker, Bobby Stanley.

The choruses practiced approximately 12 hours on their music with their assigned directors, Larry Eisman from Queens College in New York City directed the Senior Chorus and Roger Stamback from Lake Braddock High School in Fairfax, Va. directed the Junior Chorus.

Each high school director was instructed to have their own choruses prepare their music before the week-end of Regional Chorus. Once there, the students worked on diction, blend, interpretation, expression, and dynamics.

Shelby Shelton, ACHS choral director, said her students represented Appomattox County well. "They were well prepared for this event and had a positive and professional attitude toward their music. It was a very rewarding experience for them musically," she said.

She thanked the school board for approving this trip, as well as the chaperones who attended, and Mrs. Minnie Lamb, for driving the bus.

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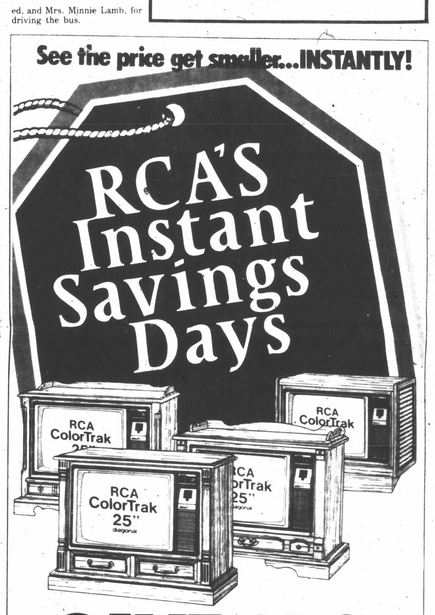


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